

## Crediton Town Council – September Update

### The COVID Challenge

As restrictions have started to ease, the town is beginning to feel a little more 'normal', with shops re-opened and people able to do a little more of what they used to! In such difficult times, supporting our local businesses has never been so important. Although it may be daunting, the safety measures allow you to visit with confidence, knowing that every step has been taken to ensure public safety.

Although rules are relaxing, the Town Council offices remain closed to protect staff and public safety. Members of staff are, however, in the office on various days. The Town Clerk, Mrs Rachel Avery, can be contacted via the Town Council telephone number Monday to Friday. If you wish to meet with the Town Clerk, please email [townclerk@crediton.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@crediton.gov.uk), to arrange an appointment.

You may have seen the Farmers' Market is back up and running, which means the Town Council surgeries are too! Every first and third Saturday of the month, a member of the Town Council will be on the Square to answer any queries you may have and distribute the town council newsletter.

In addition to the Farmers' Market, we're sure you will have noticed what a success *Share in the Square* has proved to be, taking an open space in the town and making it the perfect spot to safely enjoy your food or drink. The Town Square has been truly buzzing and all whilst complying with the current restrictions!

We may still be a little way off 'normal', but we are certainly heading in the right direction!

### Contacting your Local Police!

In recent months, there has been an increase in reports to the Town Council regarding anti-social behaviour. If you are concerned about an issue, please use the contact information below to ensure it is reported using the most appropriate and efficient channel.

- Non-emergency issues should be reported via 101 (phone or online/email) <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/contact-forms/101-non-emergency/>
- If you feel a situation is posing an immediate risk and therefore an emergency, please call 999.

The Crediton Town Police email address is not monitored daily, therefore issues reported in this way will not get a quick response or acknowledgement. By using the 101 reporting system, a police log/crime will be generated or the report will be sent directly to one of the Crediton policing team.

Members of the public can also register to 'Devon Alert', which enables you to report crime that you are concerned about in your local area. <https://alerts.dc.police.uk/>

### **County Lines: What is it?**

County Lines is a term used to describe urban gangs supplying drugs to other parts of the UK using dedicated mobile phone lines. The gangs are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store drugs and money, often using coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons.

To find out more visit [www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

### **Victory over Japan Day**

On Saturday, 15th August, representatives of the town council, the local churches and ABF The Soldiers' Charity, as well as members of the public, came together to hold a small ceremony to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day, which marks both the surrender of Japan and the end of the Second World War.

### **Fingerpost at Forches Cross**

We were sad to hear the fingerpost at Forches Cross had once again been vandalised. Thankfully, two of the three missing arms have been returned to the council offices and we are working hard to find someone willing to take on the task of repairing such a historical piece. If you have any recommendations, or would be interested in this project yourself, please contact us!

### **And there's more...**

Whilst the Town Council Offices remain closed, staff and councillors have been carrying on business as usual behind the scenes. The next 12 months are set to be busy, so keep your eyes peeled for some exciting projects:

- A continued collaboration with Crediton Town Team and the *Share in the Square*
- The future of Old Landscore School
- The installation of a new CCTV system
- The installation of two much-needed grit bins at Town Park & Butts Park

Remember, all Town Council meetings are open to the public, so please get involved. Alternatively, keep up to date via our website [www.crediton.gov.uk](http://www.crediton.gov.uk) or social media pages.

### **Dates for your diary**

September 5th & 19th - Farmers' Market Crediton Town Square

September 22nd - Crediton Town Council meeting 7.00 pm

October 3rd & 17th - Farmers' Market Crediton Town Square

### **Contact Us**

Crediton Town Council Offices are located at 8a North Street, Crediton. Normal opening hours are Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. In line with government advice, the office is currently closed due to Covid-19

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